

which states "the present invention includes a speech analyzer which transforms an input speech signal into a series of feature vectors or an observation sequence." Each feature vector is then provided to a speech recognizer. The reference transforms the input speech and not the speech models or speech signal source representation to reduce the recognition error rate. The Juang et al. reference does not in any way suggest transforming signal source representation. Claim 9 is therefore not obvious in view of Juang et al U.S. Patent No. 5,812,972.

A Terminal Disclaimer is provided herewith to overcome the double patenting rejection. In this regard, please charge the fees to Deposit Account 20-0668.

Since there are no other grounds of rejection of Claim 9, Claim 9 is deemed allowable and an early Notice of Allowance of Claim 9 is deemed in order and is respectfully requested.

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